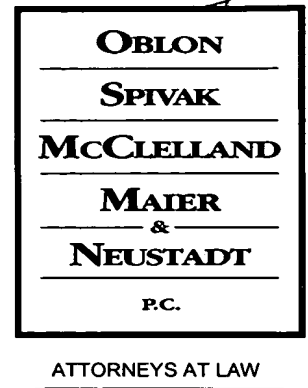




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/660,635  
Applicants: Takumi AKATSUKA, et al.  
Filing Date: September 12, 2003  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING  
SHAPE OF TUBULAR BODY  
Group Art Unit: 2856  
Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED

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In response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated August 3, 2004 in the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit that the references made to Figures 9 and 16 in the paragraphs [0037] and [0047] of the specification are typographical errors that should have read "Figs. 9A, 9B and 9C" and "Figs. 16A, 16B and 16C" respectively. Accordingly, no figures were omitted from the application as filed.

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A Preliminary Amendment requesting correction of the typographical errors in the specification is filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for examination, and an examination on the merits is hereby requested.

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